

**REMARKS**


Claims 1-35 and 38-39 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 40-48 have been added and therefore are pending in the present application. Claims 40-48 are supported by the specification and claims as originally filed, and recite subject matter of canceled claims 19-23, with respect to the lipolytic enzyme composition. Claim 36 is made into an independent claim by incorporating the recitation of the lipolytic enzyme composition defined by claim 18. Claim 18 is now canceled. Claim 37 is amended to delete the reference to claim 18. It is respectfully submitted that the present amendment presents no new issues or new matter and places this case in condition for allowance.

For the reasons discussed in the prior amendment, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, 102 and 103. The amended claims are directed to detergent compositions comprising the modified lipolytic enzymes. It is respectfully submitted that the prior art does not suggest the use of the claimed lipolytic enzyme compositions in detergents. As described in the specification and illustrated in example 9, the commercial lipolytic enzyme product LIPOLASE, when modified according the present invention, exhibited improved first wash performance as compared to an unmodified LIPOLASE product.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance. Early action to that end is respectfully requested. The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if there are any questions concerning this amendment or application.

Respectfully submitted,

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